Revenue Commissioner.—

Government have no responsibility.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

When there is no water in the tank, if the Public Works Department says that there is water, who will be responsible for the losses to the raiyats if any ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Government can only act upon the information furnished by the Department.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

When we say that there is no water in the tank, why should you allow wet cultivation and not supply adequate quantity of water ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

The Government have a responsible Department to attend to this work and they have to give some credit to what the Departmental officers say. They cannot act upon the advice of the people and lose their revenue.

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Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What was the *Jamabandy* each year for the last ten years of the Nanjangud Town Municipality?

(*b*) What was the collection, expenditure, and the balance in each year for the last ten years?

(*c*) What is the purport of the several audit objection reports, submitted by the auditors for the last ten years?

(*d*) Who are the Deputy Commissioners who have inspected the Municipality during the last ten years and how often has each one inspected the same? Has the unsatisfactory administration of the Municipality been noticed by them?

(*e*) Are the Government aware of the order of dismissal or suspension of Sivaramiah, Municipal Shanbhogue, about fifteen days ago?

(*f*) What is the amount misappropriated by him? What action was taken by the President in the matter?

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Year	Rs.	a.	p.
1919-20	19,698	10	4
1920-21	19,229	5	9
1921-22	18,298	14	4
1922-23	19,091	2	7
1923-24	29,166	10	6
1924-25	34,555	7	11
1925-26	28,741	13	7
1926-27	28,570	9	6
1927-28	25,204	10	8
1928-29	25,410	4	1

(*b*)

Year	Collection			Expenditure			Balance		
1919-20 ..	20,240	6	8	29,497	4	3	11,640	6	11
1920-21 ..	19,637	0	11	12,867	9	2	18,409	14	8
1921-22 ..	18,767	4	9	18,180	1	5	18,997	2	0
1922-23 ..	20,307	3	0	24,278	0	9	15,026	4	3
1923-24 ..	35,920	6	4	36,542	8	3	14,404	2	4
1924-25 ..	34,608	1	5	40,486	8	7	8,525	11	2
1925-26 ..	32,438	7	2	32,568	1	1	8,395	11	3
1926-27 ..	28,324	7	6	32,039	15	6	4,680	3	3
1927-28 ..	27,044	8	0	30,932	5	4	792	5	11
1928-29 ..	27,938	6	3	33,217	14	2	—4,494	2	0

(*c*) Chief among the audit objections taken are—(1) Payments made for several unforeseen items of expenditure without the previous sanction of Government; (2) Delay in crediting amounts into the Treasury. (3) Not taking timely action to recoup the amounts advanced out of imprests. (4) Non-maintenance of the prescribed printed registers in some cases and not taking proper action to collect the outstanding heavy arrears in the Municipality.

(5) Non-payment of several contributions due to Government. (6) Want of proper supervision over the collection of Mohatarfa and other arrears, and (7) Non-revision of Mohatarfa house-tax.

(*d*) (1) Mr. A. V. Ramanathan, B.A., Deputy Commissioner, inspected in April 1926 (once).

Mr. K. V. Anantharaman, B.A., Deputy Commissioner, inspected on the 27th May 1929 (once).

(2) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No case of misappropriation has come to light as yet. The matter is under investigation.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Will the Government be pleased to state why the expenditure is more than the income ?

General Secretary to Government.—

Information has not yet been received. The matter is under investigation.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Are not Government getting audit reports every year ?

Second Member of Council.—

Unless there is something very noticeable, the audit reports are not sent. The investigation in the matter is proceeding.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

What was the reason for the delay in crediting the amounts into the Treasury referred to in the audit report ?

Second Member of Council.—

Explanation has been called for and the details could not be given.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

When did the Government come to know about this ?

Second Member of Council.—

About six months back.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

What action have the Government taken since then ?

Second Member of Council.—

The matter has been under correspondence, and we have not received explanations.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya —

How long will it take to dispose of the case ?

Second Member of Council.—

It cannot be definitely stated.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Cannot Government take steps hereafter at least to put down such irregularities ?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall take all necessary action after the explanation is considered.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Is there not a rule that every Municipality should have some fixed balance at its credit ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes. One-fourth of the annual income.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Do the Government see that this is always done ?

Second Member of Council.—

That is done when their budgets are received.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Do you know that this Municipality had a minus balance ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes and we permitted an overdraft.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

When the Treasury was in the municipal area, why was not the amount credited into the Treasury then and there ?

Second Member of Council.—

We have called for the explanation.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

There were certain articles in the newspapers about the difference of opinion between the President and the Vice-President. Have they come to the notice of Government ?

Second Member of Council.—

Many things appear in the newspapers.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Did not newspapers begin commenting upon the matter two years ago ?

Second Member of Council.—

I do not know.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Did Mr. A. V. Ramanathan inspect and report all the defects found in the Municipality ?

Second Member of Council.—

I do not know.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Can that report be placed before the Assembly ?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Have the Deputy Commissioners no control over the Municipalities ?

Second Member of Council.—

They inspect the Municipalities. The Deputy Commissioner has inspected and taken action in regard to this Municipality.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

If action had been taken by him, why should there be a minus balance ?

Second Member of Council.—

Action has been taken and the report is under consideration.

Mr. Bandiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to appoint a Chief Officer to that place ?

Second Member of Council.—

The Government are also of the same opinion. It will be considered after the explanation is received.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

How did the President allow such arrears ?

Second Member of Council.—

The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

What is the reason for suspending the shanbhogue ?

Second Member of Council.—

We do not know. There must have been some reason.

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Q.—53. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Among the District Office Sheristedars and Taluk Office Sheristedars, how many are Brahmins and how many are Non-Brahmins ?

(*b*) Among those who are next entitled to succeed the above, how many are Brahmins and how many are Non-Brahmins ?

(*c*) In view of the extreme paucity of Non-Brahmins in these two cadres, will the Government be pleased to recruit probationers among Non-Brahmins to be directly appointed as Sheristedars after their period of probation ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—53.

(*a*) Name of District	District Office Sheristedars		Taluk Office Sheristedars	
	Brahmins	Non-Brahmins	Brahmins	Non-Brahmins
Bangalore ..	1	..	8	2
Kolar ..	1	..	8	2
Tumkur ..	1	..	8	1
Mysore ..	1	..	13	..
Hassan ..	1	..	6	1
Shimoga ..	1	..	6	2
Kadur ..	1	..	5	..
Chitaldrug ..	1	..	7	1

(*b*) and (*c*) No definite reply is possible. The question of improving the efficiency of this class of officials will be considered.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Cannot the District and Taluk Sheristedars be recruited directly ?

Second Member of Council.—

We have got some proposals under consideration.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Out of the 13 Taluk Sheristedars in the Mysore District, not one belongs to the Non-Brahmin community. When there are so many qualified Non-Brahmin candidates eligible for the post, will the Government consider the desirability of appointing Non-Brahmin Sheristedars for these posts?

Second Member of Council.—

We will invite the attention of the Revenue Commissioner to this.